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BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
February 27, 1845.

Read and ordered to be printed.

STATEMENTS

OF THE

Clerks of the County Courts and Registers of Wills,

RELATIVE TO THE

NUMBER OF YEARS THEY HAVE BEEN IN OFFICE,

THE AMOUNT OF

THEIR RECEIPTS, &c.

In conformity with an order of the House of the 8th January.

Ordered, That the clerks of the several county courts of this State, and Howard District, and the registers of wills, respectively report to this House on oath, on or before the 3rd day of February next, the time of their appointment, the number of years that each has been in office, the amount of their receipts of fees and perquisites in each year as near as they can ascertain the same, and the amounts annually paid for clerk hire, &c.

The Statements herewith made under the above order, are not as complete or satisfactory as could be desired. This is particularly the case in regard to the returns of the Registers of Wills. No law being in existence requiring these returns, and the whole amount of fees being the property of the incumbent, no account seems to have been kept of the receipts, or even of the expenditures of either the clerks or registers, except in a few cases. The result of the enquiry ensuing upon the order of the House can only, therefore, be taken as approximate. Should the bill which provides for the regulation of the compensation of the clerks and registers, become a law at the present session, the returns therein ordered to be made, will enable a subsequent Legislature to to judge more correctly of the amount of receipts of the offices referred to.

No. 1.

STATEMENT of the Registers of Wills for the several counties of this State, and Howard District, of the number of years in office, annual receipts of their offices, and nett annual income therefrom, in pursuance of an order, passed by the House of Delegates, January 8th, 1845.

COUNTIES.	Date of appointment.		No. of years and months in office.		No. of years for which statement is made.	Average annual Receipts.	Average annual Expenses.	Nett annual Income.
	Month.	Year.	Years.	Months.	Years.	Dolls. Cts.	Dolls. Cts.	Dolls. Cts.
For Baltimore city and county,	January,	1825,	20	-	-	-	1,500 00 estimated.	6,000 00 estimated.
" Frederick county,	June,	1825,	20	-	-	2,582 50		
" Washington county,	November,	1843,	1	2	-	2,002 20	608 00	1,394 20
" Allegany county,	May,	1841,	3	7	4	450 00	employs no Cl'k.	
" Anne Arundel county,	Septem'r.	1832,	12	3	10	1,254 40	697 09	557 31
" Carroll county,	March,	1837,	7	9	1	602 62	200 00	402 62
" Talbot county,	April,	1792,	52	-	10	1,075 00	374 00	701 00
" Somerset county,	August,	1820,	24	3	23	1,719 98	641 00	1,078 98
" Prince George's county,	January,	1830,	15	-	4	2,000 00	500 00	1,500 00
" Queen Ann's county,	April,	1843,	1	9	1	1 400 75	640 00	860 75
" Caroline county,	February,	1832,	12	11	13	1,290 71	40 05 Cl'k hire alone	1,250 66
" Howard District,	February,	1840,	5	-	5	340 99	170 49	170 60
" Calvert county,	January,	1843,	2	-	2	1,000 00	500 00	500 00
" Kent county,	October,	1834,	10	2	9	1,006 95	200 00	806 95
" Worcester county,	November,	1839,	5	2	5	964 99	609 48	355 51
" Saint Mary's county,	May,	1835,	9	8	8	1,233 11	225 00	1,008 11
Montgomery county.	December,	1839,	5	4	-	500 00	130 00	370 00
" Cecil county,	February,	1844,	-	11		2,248 31	337 50	1,910 81
" Dorchester county,	March,	1835,	6	10	-	1,271 37	600 00	671 37
" Charles county,	January,	1839,	6	-	-	1,149 00	250 00	899 00

No. 2.

STATEMENT of the Clerks of the several County Courts of this State, and of Baltimore City Court, of the number of years in office, annual receipts of their offices, and nett annual income therefrom, in pursuance of an order of the House of Delegates, passed January 8th, 1845.

COUNTIES.	Date of appointment.		No. of years and months in office.		No. of years for which statement is made.	Average annual Receipts.	Average annual Expenses.	Average nett annual income.
	Month.	Year.	Years.	Months.	Years.	Dolls. Cts.	Dolls. Cts.	Dolls. Cts.
Baltimore city court,	January,	1827,	18	-	18	5,175 66	500 00	4,675 66
Baltimore county court,	April,	1833,	11	-	11	15,435 55	10,010 84	5,424 71
Carroll county court,	January,	1842,	3	-	3	1,375 00	533 33	841 67
Frederick county court,	November,	1835,	9	2	7	3,035 75	1,565 68	1,470 07
Howard District court,	February,	1840,	4	11	4	1,186 94	415 53	771 41
Queen Ann's county court,	January,	1832,	13	-	-		900 00	1,500 00
Talbot county court,	November,	1835,	9	2	8	2,923 38	631 25	2,292 13
Somerset county court,	February,	1839,	6	-	5	1,887 96	500 00	1,387 96
Worcester county court,	November,	1837,	7	2	7	1,600 00	300 00	1,300 00
Prince George's county court,	May,	1840,	4	8	2	4,809 30	1,750 00	3,059 30
Caroline county court,	January,	1816,	29	-	25	2,180 93	430 25	1,750 68
Anne Arundel county court,	October,	1840,	34	3	14	1,124 45	350 00	774 45
Allegany county court,	October,	1817,	27	3	-		1,100 00	2,500 00
Kent county court,	November,	1825,	19	2	18	2,714 45	800 00	1,914 45
Dorchester county court,	September,	1842,	2	3	1	2,503 61	610 75	1,892 00
Saint Mary's county,	June,	1843,	1	6	1	3,107 56	331 12	2,776 44
Charles county court,								
Calvert county court,								

NO. 3.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENT,

Showing the amount of gross receipts and expenditures of the several Clerks of each County, Baltimore city and Howard District for the last single year for which a report has been made.

	Year	Gross receipts.	Expenditures.
Baltimore City Court	1843	$6,360 69	$500 00
Baltimore County "	1844	18,702 18	11,593 03
Frederick " "	1842	4,188 64	2,125 00
Carroll " "	1844	1,725 00	400 00
Worcester " "	1844	* 1,600 00	300 00
Somerset " "	1843	2,194 35	500 00
Talbot " "	1843	3,040 80	600 00
Queen Ann's " "	1844	* 2,550 00	1,050 00
Caroline " "	1843	2,340 77	300 00
St. Mary's " "	1844	3,109 32	853 00
Dorchester " "	1843	2,503 61	610 75
Kent " "	1843	2,738 82	800 00
Allegany " "	1844	* 2,500 00	1,200 00
Anne Arundel " "	1843	1,268 00	
Prince George's "	1843	4,878 87	1,550 00
Howard District "	1844	1,470 20	408 30

From the Counties not included in the above table, returns have either not been made, or, where the Clerks have replied to the enquiry, (as in Charles and Calvert,) they have been so short a time in office as to be unable to make a satisfactory return.

* Estimated.

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